

REMARKS

Summary of Communications with Examiner – October 5, 2007

Applicants Representative, Wesley Nicolas, was contacted by Examiner Sow Fun Hon on October 5, 2007, wherein the Examiner proposed amending the independent claims to include the hardness of as noted for example in claims 66 and 79, so as to put the application in conditions for allowance.

Summary of Claim Amendments

By the present amendment, claims 63, 73, and 77 are amended, claims 64-66 and 78-79 are cancelled, whereby claims 63, 67-74, 77, and 80-85 are currently pending, with claims 63, 73, and 77 being independent. Applicants note that support for the amendment can be found, for example in claims 66 and 79, the figures, and the specification for example at page 9, lines 6-10. Applicants submit that no new matter is added.

Applicants note that further to the proposed Examiner's amendment as noted above, Applicants have amended the claims to advance prosecution of the present application. Applicants have submitted this Supplemental Amendment in lieu of the Examiner performing their own Examiner's Amendment.

Applicants note that any claims canceled during the prosecution of the present application have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and have not been dedicated to the public. Thus, Applicants reserve the right to file continuation and/or divisional application(s) directed to the any canceled subject matter and/or claims.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections as set forth in the Office Action. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a determination to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or refund excess payments to Novo Nordisk Inc. Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 9, 2007

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